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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION COM minutes Wednesday 6.30 pm 5th April 2023

1. **Meeting** – Opened at 6.30pm by Chairperson.
Present: Mr G Harris (Chairperson),
Mr G Mitchell Mr B Andrewartha, Mr R Williams, Mr G Hodgins,
Mr W March, Mr T Perkins (Secretary)
2. **Apologies** - Mr R Somerville (Vice Chairperson)
3. **Previous Minutes 19/03/2023 – Accepted – MS Carried.**
4. **Business arising from previous minutes.**
 - 1) Vehicles registration to be done around 28th April by G Harris, then reimbursed by Treasurer.
 - 2) Extension mirrors for Mazda, G Hodgins to order.
 - 3) R Young mowed down weeds in the carpark, the COM wishes to thank him for his efforts.
5. **Treasurer’s report.** Tabled by David Walker in person. “Xero” training approved MS Carried.
6. **Correspondence In.**
 1. **Email from Prostrate CF re presentation.**
The Com May look at having a presentation for prostate cancer at next convention or alike.
 2. **Email application from David Walker for Treasurer’s position.**
We welcome David Walker as treasurer for 2022 MS Carried.
 3. **Email from M Donnellan re Committee cadetship.** Discussed and secretary to answer.
 4. **Application from Kathy Barlow and Michelle Mazzon re cleaner position.**
The COM have appointed Cathy Barlow to the cleaning position MS Carried.
 5. **Michael Donnellan putting convention article in the Australian pigeon journal.**
The COM agrees to have articles in the Australian Pigeon Journal.
 6. **Adelaide royal show sponsorship.** No decision made yet.
 7. **Liquor licence annual fee due.** Treasurer to pay.
 8. **Liquor licence manager name change.**
Tony lodged forms on the 6th of April to become manager and remove T Tirrell’s name at his request.
7. **Correspondence Out –**
 - 1) Email to Prostrate CF re presentation.
 - 2) Email to M Donnellan re Committee and Australian pigeon journal
 - 3) M Mazzon re cleaner position.
 - 4) Email to Adelaide royal show.
8. **General Business.**
 1. **Release Panel-** Mr T Fawcett (Chair) Mr B Andrewartha, Mr L Abbott.
Congratulations to the release panel and we look forward to racing in 2023.

2. **Honour boards (Juniors)** - G Hodgins and T Perkins to instal once sign writing is complete.
3. **NE Racing 3 yr period**- NE racing will end in 2024 due to 2021 season inability to cross the border. The vote for the Lines of Flight will be in August 2024. MS Carried.
4. **Cardboard order for training units**- W March to increase order to include cardboard for Trailer.
5. **Guillotine for cutting cardboard.** – None, available.
6. **Promotions budget**- We have set a \$5000 budget for promotions, concept of a small loft at SAHPA Hall with small team of birds and hold open days and school visits, possibly lease birds in loft and have a special competition, camera on loft to see returns, Benzing Live, etc. Further work to be done with plan for 2024 season. MS Carried.
7. **Proxy voting**- Following up from the AGM. Most members were in favour of proxy voting. The COM have decided to allow proxy voting. It is currently not allowed in our constitution so we would have to put up a motion at the next AGM. We would however send out proxy voting slips before the AGM once the motion is passed, we would be able to use them. MSCarried.
8. **Website advertising increase?** No increase to advertising fees. They will remain at \$275.
9. **Prepaid Lists**
 - a) Club Secretaries will collate the number of birds for each flyer on Monday 29th May, 2023 and email/sms/ring them through to the SAHPA Secretary by 8pm, on Tuesday 30th May, 2023 the SAHPA Secretary will publish the price per bird on the SAHPA Website.
 - b) Pre-paid Lists will be sent to the SAHPA on basketing night of the first (1st) race Friday 2nd June, members are to pay their Club Secretary on or before Friday 2nd June. Club Secretaries are to pay the monies into SAHPA Bank account by Friday 9th June.
 - c) If a member reduces the number of birds on their list between Monday 29th May and Friday 2nd June then we ask that the secretary marks a comment on the Flyers cover page as to the reason.
 - d) Revised Pre-Paid list of any late ring numbers will be lodged no later than the night of hampering for the 4th Race of the season 30th June, 2023, late prepaid nominations will not be accepted. The late registration fee is 50% on top of the normal Fee, our best estimate is \$4.35 per bird.
 - e) Preferably all payments are to be electronic or, by club arrangement with the SAHPA Treasurer. One payment per club.

10. Naming of Race

Byrock- Rudy Diener, Cobar -Andrew Muirhead, Glendambo Open Rod Billing.

11. Finalise Race program – Changes are:

Bookaloo races to be shown as Bookaloo/Hawker

Pimba and Olary races to be marked SDC.

Byrock and Cobar will now be released on same day and will save \$550. Release Byrock soon after sunrise, drive to Cobar (around 110kms), water birds and allow them to settle for 1 hour and then release Cobar mid-morning.

All middle distance and long-distance races to be marked Assoc rather than MDC and LDC.

Gavin finalising the 2023 Race Planning document, will be sent out to all club secretaries and on website when completed.

It was also agreed by the Committee to change the Small Team Championship to be for Flyers with 120 or less birds in 2023 instead of 100 or less birds for 2022.

12. **5 Bird Pools** - To be held only on the Association races (not on SDC), only one bird clocked, no prize money, no certificates, only nominated birds on sheet shall be entered, there will be a \$200 prize for the aggregate winner.

- 13. Finalise the Document “2023 Planning Document”** Gavin to finalise and send when complete.
 - 14. Update on Facebook page named SAHPA Racing Pigeons.**

After attempting to contact Graham Badger, his website is now called South Australia Racing Pigeons, we thank him for this slight adjustment.
 - 15. Review Training Program prepared by Gavin in liaison with Nick Albanos.** Gavin to finalise and send when complete.
 - 16. ANRPB National Race from Emmdale.** Flyers will be able to nominate up to 10 birds within their team and compete in the Grand National race.
 - 17. Club insurance premiums.**

The Public Indemnity insurance premiums will still be paid by The Association. Recent club insurance premium invoices sent out were for club contents and property, MGA Insurance are to be paid direct by clubs. We have received a group discount through clubs being grouped under SAHPA. Next year we will get new quotes to see if we can get a better discount for all clubs.
 - 18. Bull bar for Mazda,** - to be fitted Wed 3/5 - 0800 hrs, Greg to liaise with Nick.
 - 19.** Nenad to instal new catches on the Rayment trailer, the Com thanks him in advance.
 - 20. Fence falling over on North side near Dons shed-** Tony to find resolution with neighbour.
 - 21. Constitution needs to be updated on website in two places-** Tony to organise with Alan.
 - 22. Two mobile phones,** change to Aldi mobile.

Tony will look at changing the Secretary and Ring Secretary phones to Aldi mobile.
 - 23. Life rings for clubs-** a new order will be placed with Benzing as soon as possible.
 - 24. Lodgement of new constitution document with Business Affairs.**

Tony lodged the document on the 6th of April.
 - 25. Ring order confirmation** – To be ordered, 8,500 Icon, 16,000 Standard (blue)
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- 9. Meeting Closed at 1030pm.**
 - 10. Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 6.30pm**